

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 11 (canceled).

- 1 12. (currently amended) A color metallic pigment comprising
2 metal particles and a single-layer or multilayer coat
3 covering the surface of each said metal particle, further
4 comprising a molybdenum-phosphorus coat consisting of an
5 oxide film elementally containing molybdenum and/or
6 phosphorus on the surface of each said metal particle,
7 wherein said single-layer or multilayer coat is disposed on
8 said molybdenum-phosphorus coat, and at least one layer of
9 said single-layer or multilayer coat is a cobalt coat
10 consisting of an anhydrous oxide film elementally
11 containing cobalt.

- 1 13. (currently amended) The color metallic pigment according to
2 claim 12, comprising wherein said single-layer or
3 multilayer coat further comprises a silicon-aluminum coat
4 consisting of an oxide film elementally containing silicon
5 and/or aluminum inside said cobalt coat.

- 1 14. (currently amended) The color metallic pigment according to
2 claim 12, comprising wherein said single-layer or
3 multilayer coat further comprises a second coat consisting
4 of an oxide film or an oxynitride film containing at least
5 one element selected from a group consisting of titanium,

6 zirconium, zinc, iron, chromium and cerium outside said
7 cobalt coat.

1 15. (previously presented) The color metallic pigment according
2 to claim 14, wherein said second coat consists of an oxide
3 film or an oxynitride film elementally containing titanium.

1 16. (currently amended) The color metallic pigment according to
2 claim 15, comprising wherein said single-layer or
3 multilayer coat further comprises a weather-resistant coat
4 consisting of an oxide film containing at least one element
5 selected from a group consisting of aluminum, silicon and
6 cerium outside said second coat.

1 17. (previously presented) A resin composition containing the
2 color metallic pigment according to claim 12 and resin.

1 18. (previously presented) The color metallic pigment according
2 to claim 12, wherein said cobalt coat materially contains
3 a compound having at least one composition selected from a
4 group consisting of CoO , Co_2O_3 , Co_3O_4 , $n\text{CoO}\cdot m\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$, and
5 $n\text{CoO}\cdot m\text{SiO}_2$, and said m and said n are positive numbers.

1 19. (previously presented) The color metallic pigment according
2 to claim 12, wherein the quantity of the cobalt element
3 contained in said cobalt coat is in the range of 0.5 to 50
4 parts by mass with respect to 100 parts by mass of said
5 metal particles.

1 **20.** (previously presented) The color metallic pigment
2 according to claim 12, wherein said molybdenum-phosphorus
3 coat materially contains a compound having at least one
4 composition selected from a group consisting of MoO_3 , Mo_2O_3 ,
5 MoO , $n\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot m\text{MoO}_3$, $n\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot m\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_3$, $n\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot m\text{MoO}$, P_2O_5 and
6 $n\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot m\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$, and said m and said n are positive real
7 numbers.

1 **21.** (previously presented) The color metallic pigment according
2 to claim 12, wherein the elemental quantity of molybdenum
3 and/or phosphorus contained in said molybdenum-phosphorus
4 coat is in the range of 0.01 to 5.0 parts by mass with
5 respect to 100 parts by mass of said metal particles.

1 **22.** (new) A color metallic pigment comprising coated particles,
2 wherein a respective one of said coated particles
3 comprises:

4 a metal particle;

5 an inner coat layer comprising an oxide of at least
6 one element selected from the group consisting of
7 molybdenum and phosphorus, disposed directly on a surface
8 of said metal particle; and

9 a cobalt-containing coat layer comprising an anhydrous
10 oxide of at least cobalt, disposed directly or indirectly
11 on said inner coat layer.

- 1 **23.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 22,
2 wherein said cobalt-containing coat layer is disposed
3 directly on said inner coat layer.

- 1 **24.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 22,
2 wherein said respective coated particle further comprises
3 an intermediate coat layer disposed between said inner coat
4 layer and said cobalt-containing coat layer, wherein said
5 cobalt-containing coat layer is disposed indirectly on said
6 inner coat layer.

- 1 **25.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 24,
2 wherein said intermediate coat layer comprises an oxide of
3 at least one element selected from the group consisting of
4 silicon and aluminum.

- 1 **26.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 22,
2 wherein said respective coated particle further comprises
3 a further coat layer comprising an oxide or an oxynitride,
4 of at least one element selected from the group consisting
5 of titanium, zirconium, zinc, iron, chromium and cerium,
6 disposed outside said cobalt-containing coat layer.

- 1 **27.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 26,
2 wherein said respective coated particle further comprises
3 a weather-resistant coat layer comprising an oxide of at
4 least one element selected from the group consisting of

5 aluminum, silicon and cerium, disposed outside said further
6 coat layer.

1 **28.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 22,
2 wherein said cobalt-containing coat layer contains an
3 amount of cobalt in a range from 1 to 30 parts by mass with
4 respect to 100 parts by mass of said metal particle, and
5 said inner coat layer contains an amount of said molybdenum
6 and/or said phosphorus in a range from 0.05 to 2.0 parts by
7 mass with respect to 100 parts by mass of said metal
8 particle.

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